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Advisory

To: Manufacturers, Distributors and Retailers of all Consumer Products

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Consumer Products Regulations: 2005 Requirements

The purpose of this advisory is to remind the consumer products industry of the upcoming new changes in the volatile organic compound (VOC) standards as they apply to nine consumer product categories (see Table 1). In addition, there will be nine consumer product categories that will have their sell-through period expired on January 1, 2005 (see Table 2).

The California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 17, Section 94509(a) lists standards for VOC (by weight percent) for consumer products sold, supplied, offered for sale, or manufactured for use in California. By January 1, 2005, the VOC standards for the following consumer products will become effective or will become more stringent.

Table 1: New VOC Standards

Product Category	Effective Date	VOC Standard (Percent VOC by Weight)	
		Existing	New
Air Fresheners			
Double phase aerosols	12/31/04	30	25
Engine Degreasers (aerosols)	12/31/04	50	35
Engine Degreasers (non-aerosols)	12/31/04	50	5
Furniture Maintenance Products (aerosols)	12/31/04	25	17
General Purpose Cleaners (non-aerosols)	12/31/04	10	4
General Purpose Degreasers (non-aerosols)	12/31/04	n/a	4
Glass Cleaners (non-aerosols)	12/31/04	6	4
Insecticides			
Aerosol crawling bug insecticides ¹	12/31/04	20	15
Flying bug (aerosols) ¹	12/31/03	35	25
Lawn & garden insecticides (non-aerosol) ¹	12/31/03	20	3
Nail Polish Removers	12/31/04	75	0

¹ For those consumer products registered under Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA; 7 U.S.C. Section 136-136y), the effective date of the VOC standards is one year after the date specified in Table 1.

Table 2 lists the consumer product categories whose sell-through expires on January 1, 2005. Beginning January 1, 2005, the consumer products listed in Table 2 that are available for sale in California will have to comply with the VOC standard for their category regardless of the date of manufacture.

Table 2: Expired Sell-through Categories

Product Category	Standard Effective Date	VOC Standard (Percent VOC by Weight)
Adhesives		
Mist Spray Adhesives	1/1/2002	65
Web Spray Adhesives	1/1/2002	55
Special Purpose Spray Adhesives		
Mounting, automotive engine	1/1/2002	70
compartment, and flexible vinyl adhesives		
Polystyrene foam and automobile	1/1/2002	65
headliner adhesives		
Polyolefin and laminate repair/edge-	1/1/2002	60
banding adhesives		
Bug and Tar Remover	1/1/2002	40
General Purpose Degreasers (aerosols)	1/1/2002	50
Non-selective Terrestrial Herbicide(non-aerosols) ¹	1/1/2002	3
Undercoating (aerosols)	1/1/2002	40

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